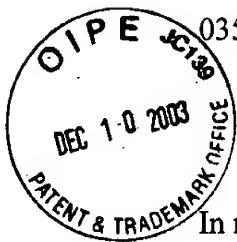


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In re Application of:

MASAAKI NAKABAYASHI

Application No.: 09/928,337

Filed: August 14, 2001

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December 9, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, kindly amend the  
above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.